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**MSD of Martinsville Announces New Elementary School Slated for the
2027-2028 School Year**

MARTINSVILLE, Ind. (December 20, 2024) — The Metropolitan School District (MSD) of Martinsville is officially announcing the construction of a new elementary school, which is tentatively scheduled to open for the 2027-2028 school year.

The new facility will be conveniently located off Interstate 69 south of River Valley Christian Church. Construction is set to begin in the summer of 2025.

To provide a more modern learning environment for students and eliminate redundant costs, the MSD of Martinsville is constructing a new elementary school that will consolidate potentially three to four elementary schools. With seven elementary schools currently in operation, many requiring costly maintenance and significant updates, the new school will enhance efficiency and offer updated resources, reducing the district's long-term operational and maintenance expenses.

In addition to constructing the new school, the MSD of Martinsville is committed to upgrading the remaining schools. All elementary students will be set up for success with access to shared opportunities and high quality learning experiences across the district.

“We understand that there will be questions about the upcoming improvements to our schools, and we want the community to know that we’ve taken a thoughtful, thorough approach. We’ve spent time consulting with experts, engaging with community members and business owners, and conducting extensive research to ensure that every decision benefits the future of our teachers, staff, principals, and especially students,” said MSD of Martinsville Superintendent, Eric Bowlen. “They deserve nothing less than the best, and it’s our responsibility to set them up

for lifelong success. While we are still working through the details, we will provide more information as it becomes available.”

The project is using the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) model, ensuring tax-rate neutrality, meaning residents will not experience any tax increases. This proven construction delivery model has been successfully implemented by municipalities and counties across the state, enabling significant and impactful projects like this one.

Cost savings from the consolidation will allow the MSD to direct more resources toward teacher salaries and protect the district’s education fund, while also positioning the district to attract and increase student enrollment.

The project will bring some adjustments to transportation, redistricting, and staffing redistribution, but these changes are designed to provide meaningful benefits for both students and staff. More students will have access to transportation services, and class sizes will be better balanced, creating a more supportive learning environment.

In the fall of the 2025-2026 school year, the elementary schools scheduled for closure will be announced, along with updates on transportation, redistricting, and planned upgrades for the schools that will remain open.

“The entire administration is dedicated to prioritizing proactive communication and transparency as we navigate these district-wide improvements, and we appreciate the community’s patience throughout this process. Everything we are doing is focused on ensuring the success of our students,” said Superintendent Bowlen.

The MSD of Martinsville will keep the community informed as updates become available. Be sure to follow MSD District social media channels, visit the District website, and check ParentSquare for the latest information.

To receive project updates, along with other MSD of Martinsville updates, email community.relations@msdmartinsville.org to be added to the MSD Community Group on ParentSquare.

To submit a question about this project, click [here](#) to visit the District website and fill out a question form.

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